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\$4 Million Grant for Literacy

As a part of a \$54 million Investing in Innovation federal grant, Penn GSE's Consortium for Policy Research in Education (CPRE) will receive \$4 million to evaluate the effectiveness of a national program aimed at strengthening literacy among struggling first-graders in underperforming schools.

Penn, along with 15 other universities involved in the project, is required to raise \$9 million in matching funds, in order to secure the \$45 million from the federal government.

Penn GSE faculty will collect and analyze extensive data on student performance, monitor the work of Reading Recovery teachers and track students' long-term progress, as well as evaluate the implementation of the program in thousands of schools across the U.S.

Four faculty members from Penn GSE will evaluate the impact of scaling up the Reading Recovery program, a five-year project designed to provide long-term professional development for teachers who will work one-on-one for 30 minutes daily with young students to accelerate literacy development, enabling them to close the achievement gap. It targets reading problems when they first become apparent, and the goal is
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Penn Medicine: \$13 Million in Stimulus Construction Funds for New Translational Research Center

Earlier this summer, the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine received close to \$13 million in stimulus funds—the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009—to construct additional research space in the \$370 million Translational Research Center (TRC), which is scheduled to open its first phase in early 2011. The TRC grant is part of the \$159 million in ARRA funds awarded to Penn Medicine by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to create or sustain jobs and to provide the infrastructure necessary to make the scientific discoveries that can lead to improved health.

The funds are being used to construct laboratories dedicated to translational research, including chronobiology, the study of how daily physiological rhythms affect health. The TRC will be the first medical research building on the Penn campus—and one of the first anywhere—to be physically integrated into facilities for patient care, namely the Perelman Center for Advanced Medicine and the Roberts Proton Therapy Center. When completed, the TRC will be the focal point for translational research funded by Penn's NIH Clinical and Translational Research Award.

“The ARRA award enables Penn Medicine to

realize its vision of truly integrating research in fundamental biological mechanisms with clinical care—the result will be exciting new approaches to understanding and treating a wide spectrum of diseases that are most prevalent in our society including cancer, diabetes and atherosclerosis,” says Dr. Glen N. Gaulton, executive vice dean and chief scientific officer, who serves as the principal investigator of the TRC grant.

The stimulus funds will be used to create space that unites basic scientists with clinical investigators to exchange ideas on new discoveries, techniques, and technologies. The new space will focus on supporting a team of interdisciplinary scientists and physicians who study the genes and molecular mechanisms fundamental to human development and the human biological clock. Applications of this work extend to behavior, physiology, regeneration, and cancer therapy. The TRC will also foster new programs, training, and recruitment in translating basic science into improved clinical care.

In addition, over 400 new jobs supporting national and local businesses are expected to be created during construction and operation of the TRC.

\$12 Million NIH Grant to Develop Personalized Approach to Smoking Cessation

A variety of smoking cessation treatments are currently available for the more than 18 million adult Americans who try to quit smoking each year, but success rates vary widely. Despite the importance of quitting smoking, more personalized approaches to smoking cessation treatment are needed to help smokers pick the right method that will work best for them. A major new personalized medicine clinical trial, led by addiction researchers at the University of Pennsylvania, will study how smokers' genetic make-up influences their quitting success.

A team of researchers led by Dr. Caryn Lerman, professor of psychiatry at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine and Annenberg Public Policy Center, has received a \$12 million, five-year grant to study the pharmacogenetics of nicotine addiction treatment.

“In an extension of our previous work in the Pharmacogenetics of Nicotine Addiction Treatment (PNAT) research program, we will conduct the first large prospective pharmacogenetic clinical trial of different smoking cessation medications,” said Dr. Lerman, who also serves as scientific director of Penn's Abramson Cancer Center. “Smoking is the greatest preventable cause of morbidity and mortality. It is imperative to find better ways to optimize the delivery of specific treatments to increase the success rates for smokers who wish to quit.”

Earlier research by the PNAT research program identified a genetically-informed biomarker that reflects individual differences in the rate of nicotine metabolism—how quickly nicotine breaks down in the body. This biomarker, referred

to as the nicotine metabolite ratio (NMR), reflects genetic variation in the CYP2A6 gene, as well as environmental influences on nicotine metabolism.

Work by Dr. Lerman, Dr. Robert Schnoll, associate professor of psychiatry at Penn, and PNAT collaborators has shown that the NMR can be used to predict the success of different smoking treatments for individual smokers. The new clinical trial will provide the next definitive step in their efforts to translate the use of this biomarker to clinical practice.

In this study, 1,350 adult smokers will have their NMR assessed to determine whether they metabolize nicotine slowly or quickly. They will then be sorted into two groups—slow metabolizers and normal metabolizers—and randomized to treatment with a placebo, a nicotine patch, or Pfizer's Chantix (varenicline). Each participant will also provide genetic material (DNA) which will be used to identify additional gene variants that may also contribute to nicotine addiction treatment response. The prospective, double-blind placebo-controlled trial will be completed within the next four years.

The cost-effectiveness of the personalized medicine approach will be analyzed by Dr. Daniel Polsky, and Dr. Henry Glick, both from Penn's Leonard Davis Institute of Health Economics, and Dr. Daniel Heitjan, professor of biostatistics and statistics at Penn. Demonstrating that by matching smokers to treatment based on the NMR can increase quit rates and be achieved at a reasonable financial cost will support efforts to translate these pharmacogenetic approaches into clinical practice.

The trial is co-led by Dr. Rachel Tyndale at the University of Toronto and includes the University of California, San Francisco, MD Anderson Cancer Center, SRI International, University of Southern California, and SUNY, Buffalo. The grant is supported by the National Institute on Drug Abuse, the National Cancer Institute, the National Institute of General Medical Sciences, and the National Human Genome Research Institute as part of the Pharmacogenetics Research Network (PGRN) Initiative.

The overall Pharmacogenomics Research Network initiative is funded by nine NIH components: National Institute of General Medical Sciences; the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute; the National Cancer Institute; the National Institute on Drug Abuse; the Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development; the National Human Genome Research Institute; the National Institute of Mental Health; the National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases; and the Office of Research on Women's Health in the Office of the Director.

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The following is published in accordance with the Faculty Senate Rules. Among other purposes, the publication of SEC actions is intended to stimulate discussion among the constituencies and their representatives. Please communicate your comments to Sue White, executive assistant to the Senate Office, either by telephone at (215) 898-6943, or by e-mail at senate@pobox.upenn.edu.

Faculty Senate Executive Committee Actions Wednesday, September 15, 2010

Welcome and Introductions: Faculty Senate Chair Bob Hornik welcomed the 2010-2011 Faculty Senate Executive Committee and brief introductions from members in attendance followed.

Chair's Report: Faculty Senate Chair Bob Hornik provided a brief overview of the work and role of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee (SEC). He explained that SEC is scheduled to meet once a month and will generally have two speakers at each meeting including the President and Provost twice a year. Dr. Hornik reviewed the legislative responsibilities for SEC including: SEC review when particular policies are revised in the *Faculty Handbook* and SEC approval for changes in faculty tracks which are stipulated in the *Faculty Handbook*. He noted in addition that SEC and its committees can influence University policy through its general monitoring of those policies and its ongoing discussions with officials. He reported that the Provost will speak at the upcoming October meeting and there will be a reception following the meeting at 5 p.m.

Past Chair's Report: Faculty Senate Past Chair Harvey Rubin gave an overview to SEC on the work of the Academic Planning and Budget Committee and Capital Council. He reported that the Capital Council discussion focused on the progress of work on the Translational Research Center. He added that the Academic Planning & Budget Committee has not met yet. Dr. Rubin updated SEC on the annual Faculty Senate Founder's Day Symposium in honor of founder Ben Franklin. He explained this year the Symposium is on Thursday January 20th and the focus will be on Individual vs. Collective Rights and their boundaries. He encouraged SEC members to send him suggestions for faculty panelists.

Discussion on the draft 2010-2011 Senate Committee Charges: Faculty Senate Chair Bob Hornik summarized the draft 2010-2011 charges. SEC members strongly supported the Senate Committee on Faculty Development, Diversity, and Equity discussion on ways to promote training for all faculty search committees on bias in hiring and their continuing discussion on the sexual harassment policy. SEC members also voiced strong support for the Senate Committee on Faculty and the Administration charge to continue to make recommendations for alternate, more flexible forms of the sabbatical leave.

Discussion on issues to shape the 2010-2011 SEC Agenda: SEC members had a robust discussion and suggested a range of topics that might be added to this year's SEC agenda.

Faculty Senate Grievance Commission—Annual Report (2010)

The Faculty Senate Grievance Commission of the University of Pennsylvania is an independent committee consisting of three faculty members appointed by the Faculty Senate Executive Committee. This Commission is available to members of the Penn faculty and academic support staff who allege they have been subject to action contrary to University procedures, policies, and/or regulations. With the exception of the last two months of the AY 2009-2010 term, the commission was composed of Barry Cooperman (chemistry, past chair), Vivian Seltzer (social policy and practice, chair), and David Brownlee (history of art, chair elect). In May 2010, due to resignation of the past chair, the Commission was composed of the Chair and the Chair Elect, with special arrangements to fill the post of Presiding Officer for two grievance hearings held subsequent to date of resignation (*see paragraph following*).

During AY 2009-2010, the Commission was approached by five members of the faculty, all of whom were either tenured or tenure track (two from School of Veterinary Medicine, one each from Schools of Medicine, Nursing, and Arts and Sciences). Following initial discussion with the Chair of the Commission, one individual elected to bring the complaint on a non-tenure matter to the Senate Committee on Academic Freedom and Responsibility (SCAFR), where the case was heard. The second individual, who contacted the commission after a denial of tenure, made no request for a hearing. The third individual met and spoke with the Commission Chair and met with the entire Commission regarding a second denial of tenure. No hearing was requested, and the Commission was informed that negotiations elsewhere led to a reconsideration of the case which did not lead to a reversal of the tenure denial.

Two further cases resulted in requests for grievance hearings, which were granted by the Commission. Due to the resignation by the past chair, both hearings were delayed for one month in order to find substitute Presiding Officers for the hearings, a position normally occupied by the Past Chair. The two vacancies were filled by former past chairs of the Grievance Commission Steven Sondheimer (obstetrics and gynecology, Medical School) and Kenneth Lande (physics, School of Arts and Sciences). In the first matter, a tenure denial, the panel did not find in favor of the grievant. The second grievance, regarding the negotiation of retirement benefits, was supported by the hearing panel. Both panel findings were forwarded to the Provost. The Provost rejected the findings in the second case and the panel's recommendation for the reimbursement of the grievant's legal costs. The grievant sent a letter of objection to the Provost and Chair of the Faculty Senate.

—Vivian C. Seltzer (Grievance Commission Chair, 2009-2010)

Deaths

Gordon Bodek, Emeritus Trustee

Emeritus Trustee Gordon Bodek, C'42 died in Los Angeles on September 10 at the age of 89.

He was a highly visible advocate for Penn on the West Coast. Over the years, he served as president of the University of Pennsylvania Club of Southern California, chair of the California Development Committee, a director of the Southern California Regional Advisory Board, a member of the Board of Advisors of the Wharton Club of Los Angeles, and a member of the Alumni Club of Southern California.

He was appointed to the Board of Trustees in 1978. He participated on the Development, External Affairs, Facilities and Campus Planning, and Student Life Committees. He also served as an Overseer for both SAS and GSE. In 1986, his extraordinary service to the University was recognized with the Alumni Award of Merit.

In addition to devoting his time on behalf of Penn, he provided generous financial support. He and his wife established the Gordon and Muriel Bodek Gift Annuity for student financial aid, as well as the Gordon and Muriel Bodek Scholarship and the Bessie and Harry Bodek Scholarship, both in the SAS. At the Library, the Bodeks created the Muriel Pfaelzer Bodek Lecture and named the Bessie and Harry Bodek Music Room in honor of his parents. They endowed the Gordon S. Bodek Lecture of Distinguished Educators in GSE and provided support for Athletics and the School of Nursing, as well as a number of other programs. Their family named Bodek Lounge in Houston Hall.

As a Penn student, Mr. Bodek was a member of the Mask and Wig Club and played lacrosse; he graduated *cum laude* in 1942.

During WWII, Mr. Bodek served as a U.S. Navy pilot. He held various commands and was awarded The Air Medal and a British Citation for Service as Officer in Charge of a U.S. Navy Squadron detachment on the island of Malta.

He devoted his professional life to Bobrick Washroom Equipment, Inc., an international manufacturer of washroom accessories for commercial construction, from which he retired as president. He joined the firm's sales division in 1948 and helped broaden its reach into the commercial building market. He became president in 1970 and led the company through a significant expansion of its product line. In 1984, the International Sanitary Supply Association honored him with the Industry Distinguished Service Award for his many achievements.

He was vice president of the Los Angeles Natural History Museum Alliance, vice chairman of the Budget Division of the United Way, and a member of the Executive Board of the Los Angeles chapter of the American Jewish Committee. In 1985, he was presented with the Humanitarian Award from the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

Mr. Bodek is survived by his wife, Muriel, his son, Hanley, 'C77, his daughters, Marlene and Janna, their husbands, Ed Moss and Jim Harris and his seven grandchildren, Mason, Harry, Emma, Blair, Jake, Will and Kamber.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to The University of Pennsylvania.



Gordon Bodek

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to help bring the students up to speed with their fellow students in 20 weeks.

"According to the What Works Clearinghouse, the Reading Recovery program is the most effective early literacy intervention in existence," Henry May, a faculty member at Penn GSE and senior researcher at CPRE, said. "Penn's role in this project is to evaluate whether Reading Recovery continues to produce large and positive effects when we implement it on a really large scale."

Reading Recovery teachers will interact with 90,000 students individually, but, through their broader work in other classrooms, these new teachers will have the potential to have an impact on nearly 450,000 young learners.

"Our team of researchers has the necessary experience in conducting large-scale field trials that is required to meet the rigorous standards of evidence established by the Department of Edu-

cation," Mr. May said.

Mr. May, along with another CPRE senior researcher, Leslie Nabors Olah, will serve as the co-principal investigators on this project, leading a team of 11 researchers in monitoring the students' academic progress for five years. Two senior faculty members, including GSE Dean Andy Porter and Bob Boruch, will advise the research team.

Distinguished by its contributions to education policy, strong quality-control procedures and expertise in disseminating research products to policy makers and practitioners, the Consortium for Policy Research in Education's researchers have extensive experience conducting experimental studies, large-scale experimental and quasi-experimental research, mixed-methods studies, qualitative case studies and multi-state policy surveys.

Keeping the Constitution Alive

In honor of Constitution Day, the Anenberg Public Policy Center has released a documentary on the history and importance of *Edmonson v. Leesville Concrete*

Company, a landmark case on the right to an impartial jury in civil cases.

The documentary can be viewed anytime at <http://www.sunnylandsclassroom.org/Asset.aspx?Id=1486>.



University Research Foundation: November 5

The University Research Foundation (URF) is now accepting applications for the November 5 deadline. The URF is an intramural funding program that provides up to \$50,000 support for research projects and up to \$3,000 for conference support.

As part of the University's commitment to providing research opportunities to scholars across our campus community, URF applicants are encouraged to include undergraduate student participants within the framework of their proposals. URF Review Panels will take undergraduate participation under strong consideration when evaluating and scoring proposals. Should applicants require assistance in identifying interested and qualified undergraduates, the Center for Undergraduate Research and Fellowships (CURF) will be glad to provide support: curf@upenn.edu.

The objectives of the URF research program are to: (1) help junior faculty undertake pilot projects that will enable them to successfully apply for extramural sources of funding and aid in establishing their careers as independent investigators; (2) help established faculty perform novel, pioneering research to determine project feasibility and develop preliminary data to support extramural grant applications; (3) provide support in disci-

plines where extramural support is difficult to obtain and where significant research can be facilitated with internal funding; and (4) provide limited institutional matching funds that are required as part of a successful external peer-reviewed application. URF Review Panels comprise established Penn faculty members and are charged with giving preference to projects that meet one of the aforementioned criteria.

Faculty members are invited to submit their research applications to one of four disciplinary areas: Biomedical Sciences, Humanities, Natural Sciences and Engineering, and Social Science and Management. In addition, URF offers a Conference Support program to provide funding for meetings designed to enhance existing research and scholarly programs, particularly in disciplines where external funding is difficult to obtain. Conferences that promote interdisciplinary and multi-school participation are given priority.

Complete details about the URF and links to the forms can be found on the Office of the Vice Provost for Research website at www.upenn.edu/research/FoundationGuidelines.htm.

—Steven J. Fluharty, Senior Vice Provost for Research

In the most recent cycle, Spring 2010, of Penn's internally-funded University Research Foundation, and URF Conference Support (noted with *), the Office of the Vice Provost for Research has announced awards to the following members of the faculty for the projects listed below.

University Research Foundation Awards and Conference Support Awards Spring 2010

Cheikh Babou, School of Arts and Sciences, History; *Making Room for Islam in the West: West African Muslims in Europe and North America*

*Charles Bernstein, School of Arts and Sciences, English; *North of Invention*

Maja Bucan and Deborah French, School of Medicine, Genetics and Pathology; *Genomic profiling of fibroblast and stem cells in mental disorders*

Julio Chirinos, School of Medicine, Medicine; *Synergistic effect of weight loss and therapy for obstructive sleep apnea on blood pressure and left ventricular hypertrophy*

D. Kacy Cullen, School of Medicine, Neurosurgery; *Biomechanics of Concussion: Pathobiological Implications of Acute Cellular Damage*

Mark Devlin, School of Arts and Sciences, Physics and Astronomy; *Novel Cryogenic Techniques for Astronomical Instrumentation*

*Frank Diebold, School of Arts and Sciences, Economics; *Penn/Cambridge Conference on the Economics of Finance*

*Emma Dillon, School of Arts and Sciences, Music; *Cantus Scriptus: Technologies of Medieval Song*

*Ron Donagi, School of Arts and Sciences,

Mathematics; *String Mathematics*

David Grazian, School of Arts and Sciences, Sociology; *The Social World of a City Zoo*

Toshinori Hoshi, School of Medicine, Physiology; *BK channels as a potential therapeutic target in Alzheimer's disease*

Brett A. Kaufman, School of Veterinary Medicine, Animal Biology; *Regulation of mitochondrial DNA stability and expression by the mitochondrial transcription factor TFAM*

David Kazanjian, School of Arts and Sciences, English; *Yucatec Maya Summer Institute/Liberdad: The Caste War in the Atlantic World*

Justin Khoury, School of Arts and Sciences, Physics and Astronomy; *New Gravitational Realm on Cosmological Scales*

Daeyeon Lee, School of Engineering and Applied Sciences, Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering; *Microfluidics-Engineering of Microbubbles for Contrast-Enhanced Ultrasound Imaging and Drug Delivery*

Matthew Levendusky, School of Arts and Sciences, Political Science; *The Political Consequences of Partisan Media*

Frank Luca, School of Veterinary Medicine, Animal Biology; *Tumor suppressor-dependent regulation of mRNA localization in yeast*

Anuradha Mathur, School of Design, Landscape Architecture; *SOAK: Mumbai in an Estuary - Pre-project Phase Development*

Lisa A. Murphy, School of Veterinary Medicine, Pathobiology; *Analysis of mycotoxins related to animal health*

E. Michael Ostap, School of Medicine, Physiology; *Matching funds for the purchase of Laser Trap*

Arjun Raj, School of Engineering and Applied Sciences, Bioengineering; *Measuring chromosome structure and gene expression in a single cell*

*Howard C. Stevenson, School of Education, Education; *Kasserian Ingera—Let Us Make The Children Well!*

Thomas F. Tartaron, School of Arts and Sciences, Classical Studies; *Documenting a 3,300-Year-Old Harbor Town in Greece*

Claudia R. Vaggia, School of Arts and Sciences, Anthropology; *Life history trajectories among the Toba of Argentina*

*Charles Yang, School of Arts and Sciences, Linguistics; *41st North East Linguistic Society Meeting*

Honglin Zhou, School of Medicine, Emergency Medicine; *Negative regulation of KLF4 transcription factor by Akt in vascular cells*

Honors & Other Things

Sloan-Kettering CEO: Dr. Thompson

Dr. Craig Thompson, director of the Abramson Cancer Center, has been named the new President and Chief Executive Officer of Memorial-Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in New York City, effective November 2.

Dr. Thompson, who received his M.D. degree from the School of Medicine in 1977, became a professor of medicine and the University's first chair of the department of cancer biology in 1999. He currently oversees the work of several hundred cancer researchers and more than 300 full-time physicians and faculty across the University of Pennsylvania Health System.

Lifetime Achievement: Dr. Seligman



Martin Seligman

The Philadelphia Behavior Therapy Association honored *Dr. Martin Seligman*, Fox Leadership Professor of Psychology and director of the Positive Psychology Network, with its Lifetime Achievement Award.

As part of the award ceremony, Dr. Seligman gave a lecture on his groundbreaking work in the field of positive psychology, which is the study of the four modes of happiness, sharing insights into the role it will play in secondary education in the coming decade.

Honorary Conference: Dr. Feerman

In April, members of the Penn community gathered at Cohen Hall for a conference honoring *Dr. Steven Feerman*, professor in the department of history and sociology of science.

Presented by the Center for African Studies, the conference, "Social Health in the New Millennium," celebrated Dr. Feerman's career and scholarship through a serious and lively intellectual exchange about the field of social health.

HUP Ranked Among Nation's Best

In its annual survey, *U.S. News & World Report* ranked the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania (HUP) among the top 10 hospitals in the nation for the third consecutive year. HUP is the only hospital in the Philadelphia region that made the publication's "Honor Roll" list, and it also ranked in the top 20 in 15 specialty categories: cancer, diabetes & endocrinology; ear, nose & throat; gastroenterology; geriatrics; gynecology; heart & heart surgery; kidney disorders; neurology and neurosurgery; ophthalmology; orthopaedics; psychiatry; pulmonology; rheumatology and urology.

Penn-Made President: Dr. Schubert

Dr. Philip Schubert became the 11th president of Abilene Christian University (ACU) in Abilene, TX. Dr. Schubert, who received an EdD in higher education management from the Graduate School of Education in 2009, most recently served as executive vice president at ACU.

Three ACS Fellows

Dr. Marsha Lester, the Edmund J. Kahn Distinguished Professor, and a physical chemist; *Dr. Gary Molander*, the Hirschmann-Makine Professor of Chemistry, an organic chemist,

and *Dr. Trevor Penning*, director of the Center of Excellence in Environmental Toxicology in the School of Medicine, were among 192 distinguished scientists named to the 2010 class of American Chemical Society (ACS) Fellows in late August at the Society's annual meeting.

Started in 2009, the ACS Fellows program honors members for their outstanding achievements in and contributions to science, the profession and the Society.

NIH Grant: Dr. Brian Litt

Dr. Brian Litt, associate professor of neurology and bioengineering in the School of Medicine and SEAS, received a \$6 million translational research grant from the National Institutes of Health (NIH).

Distributed over five years, this award will allow Dr. Litt and his collaborators, including Dr. Zachary Ives, associate professor of computer and information science in SEAS, and Dr. Gregory Worrell of the Mayo Clinic, to continue to collect essential data and share it with scientists around the world through the International Epilepsy Electrophysiology Database.

Epilepsy, specifically seizure generation and epileptic networks, is a primary focus of the research conducted by Dr. Litt's laboratory.

NSF CAREER Awards: Dr. Valeggia and Dr. Ribeiro

Dr. Claudia Valeggia, assistant professor of anthropology in SAS, and *Dr. Alejandro Ribeiro*, assistant professor of electrical and systems engineering in SEAS, are recipients of the prestigious CAREER Award given by the National Science Foundation (NSF).

Dr. Valeggia was honored for her proposal, "Life History Transitions Among the Toba of Argentina."

Dr. Ribeiro's award-winning proposal is "Towards a Formal Theory of Wireless Networking."

The NSF CAREER Award supports junior faculty who exemplify the role of teacher-scholars through outstanding research, excellent education and the integration of education and research within the context of the mission of their organizations.

Master Genetic Counselor: Barbara Bernhardt

Barbara Bernhardt, clinical professor of medicine in the School of Medicine and co-director of the Penn Center for the Integration of Genetic Healthcare Technologies, has been recognized as a Master Genetic Counselor by the National Society of Genetic Counselors (NSGC).

Funding for this honor comes from the Jane Engelberg Memorial Fellowship through the NSGC, and nominees are selected from a national search. In her award letter, Ms. Bernhardt was praised for her exceptional abilities in counseling and interviewing.

Graduate Fellowship: Christopher Lester

Christopher Lester, a graduate student in the School of Arts and Sciences, is among 150 recipients of a new U.S. Energy Department Graduate Fellowship to encourage students to pursue careers in science, mathematics and engineering.

Mr. Lester, who is from Marietta, GA and is studying fundamental particles and their interactions, will receive \$50,500 per year for up to three years to support tuition, living expenses, research materials and related travel opportunities.

White House Conference: Dr. Gasman

Dr. Marybeth Gasman, associate professor in the Graduate School of Education, spoke at the White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) Conference in Washington, DC, during National HBCU Week in September. The topic of Dr. Gasman's talk was Fundraising at HBCUs: *An All-Campus Approach*.

Dr. Gasman was also recently awarded the 2010 Ozell Stutton Medallion of Justice by the president of Philander Smith College in Little Rock, AK for her research on historically black colleges and universities.

National Appointment: Dr. Sochalski

Dr. Julie Sochalski, associate professor in the School of Nursing, has been appointed by the federal Health and Human Services Administration to be director for the Division of Nursing in the Bureau of Health Professions (BHP). She will take a two-year leave from the University.

Dr. Sochalski will serve as principal advisor to the Associate Administrator, BHP, and to the Administrator, Health Resources and Services Administration, on national policy for nursing research, practice and education with the overall objective of improving the quality of health care and nursing service in the nation.

LICS Test-of-Time Awards:

Dr. Rajeev Alur, the Zisman Family Professor in the department of Computer and Information Science in SEAS, has been awarded the 2010 Logic in Computer Science (LICS) Test-of-Time Award for his paper from 1990, "Model-Checking for Real-Time Systems."

Dr. Peter Freyd, a secondary faculty member in the department of mathematics, also won this year's LICS award for his 1990 paper, "Recursive Types Reduced to Inductive Types."

The LICS Test-of-Time Award recognizes a small number of papers from the organization's proceedings from 20 years prior that have best met "the test of time."

America's "Greenest" Schools

In the September/October issue of *Sierra Magazine*, Penn made the Top 20 in the publication's fourth-annual ranking of American colleges it believes are doing the most for the planet.

Moving up to No. 18 from its ranking of No. 45 in 2009, the magazine cited Penn particularly for its Green Fund program, which awards grants to faculty, staff, or students for innovative sustainability proposals (*Almanac* April 27, 2010) and is part of the University's Climate Action Plan.

Europhysics Prize:

Dr. Kane and Dr. Mele

Dr. Charles Kane and *Dr. Eugene Mele*, professors of physics in the department of physics and astronomy in SAS, were among five scientists awarded the 2010 Europhysics Prize of the European Physical Society Condensed Matter Division for the theoretical prediction and experimental observation of the quantum spin Hall effect and topological insulators.

Presented every two years, the award honors recent work by one or more individuals in the area of physics of condensed matter, specifically work leading to advances in the fields of electronic, electrical, and materials engineering which, in the opinion of the Society's selection committee, represents scientific excellence.

Call for Proposals in Population Health: November 8

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health & Society Scholars Program at Penn has set aside a Competitive Research and Education Fund to promote interdisciplinary research and education in population health at Penn. We expect that most of these funds will be used by Penn faculty to develop pilot projects which will attract external support for larger-scale studies, to fund small scale projects, or to develop enduring educational materials that will advance teaching and training in population health concepts or methods within the University.

We expect that most grants will be in the range of \$2,000 to \$20,000. This call for proposals is open to faculty throughout the Penn community and is intended to: stimulate research and training ideas among the Penn community, help Penn researchers attract support from external sources for large-scale studies, encourage the development of new collaborations between investigators of different backgrounds and disciplines, and encourage the entry of new investigators to the field of population health.

Deadline is *November 8, 2010*. See www.upenn.edu/rwjhssp for more information.

—David Asch & Robby Aronowitz,
Program Directors

DERC Pilot and Feasibility Grants: December 6

The Diabetes Endocrinology Research Center (DERC) of the University of Pennsylvania is now accepting applications for support to perform pilot and feasibility studies in diabetes and related endocrine and metabolic disorders.

The P&F program is particularly directed at new investigators and established investigators new to diabetes research. Established diabetes investigators pursuing high impact/high risk projects or projects that are a significant departure from their usual work are also eligible for support under the DERC P&F program. Applications are welcome from basic, clinical and translational investigators.

For detailed information including application instructions visit www.med.upenn.edu/idom/derc/pilots.html

If human subjects will be participating in the proposed research, it will be necessary to submit an IRB approval letter. If animal research is being proposed, a copy of the IACUC approval letter is required. Approval may be pending at the time of application but funds will not be disbursed without these approval letters. Equipment, travel funds, and investigator salary are not permitted on this award.

Grants will be reviewed by the DERC Pilot and Feasibility Review Committee and internal and external reviewers. Funding level maximum is \$50,000. Current Award period: April 1, 2011—March 31, 2012.

Investigators who are currently in the 01 year of support through this P&F Program may reapply for an additional year of funding. Such continuation requests need to be carefully justified, however, and will be considered as a competing renewal application.

Application Deadline: *Monday, December 6, 2010*. For information, please contact Gina Burgese via telephone: (215) 898-4365 or e-mail: gburgese@mail.med.upenn.edu or Dr. Doris Stoffers, director, DERC Pilot & Feasibility Grants Program via telephone: (215) 573-5413 or e-mail: stoffers@mail.med.upenn.edu.

Professional Development Workshop

Basic Wet Laboratory Techniques for Genomics Research for Penn Faculty

The Penn Genome Frontiers Institute (PGFI) is a University-wide institute dedicated to the advancement of the multidisciplinary genome research being conducted at Penn. As part of its mission, PGFI has a strong commitment to genomics education at all levels. PGFI is pleased to offer a free development workshop for Penn faculty for November 2010.

This workshop is aimed at Penn faculty who are interested in molecular biology and genomics, but who do not have the opportunity to learn or use basic wet laboratory techniques as part of their primary research. This 6-day workshop will teach methodologies for isolating genomic DNA from mammalian cells, PCR, restriction enzyme digests, plasmid purification and automated DNA sequencing. The workshop will be taught at a basic level, with no previous laboratory experience required or expected.

PGFI seeks to offer faculty, who do not use molecular biology techniques as part of their

primary research, yet whose research might gain from having a basic understanding of general lab techniques, the opportunity to learn more about the bench work involved in genomics. Faculty from any school at Penn are encouraged to apply.

The workshop runs Friday, November 12 through Friday, November 19 (participants attend for all days): Nov. 12, 1:30-2:30 p.m., and Nov. 15-19, noon- 4 p.m. daily. It will be held at the PGFI Educational Facility, 328 Lynch Laboratories, 433 University Ave.

Interested faculty should go to the PGFI Educational Facility page at www.genomics.upenn.edu/facilities/educational-facility to fill out the online application form by 5 p.m., *October 11*. Participants will be notified by October 18, 2010. There is no charge to participate.

Any questions about the workshops can be directed to Dr. Adam Peritz, at ef@genomics.upenn.edu or (215) 898-6107.

Engaging Students Through Technology: October 15

Engaging Students Through Technology, a symposium for faculty and instructors, will be held on Friday, October 15, from 10:30 a.m. until 3 p.m. It will be hosted by the Libraries' David B. Weigle Information Commons in conjunction with the School of Arts and Sciences.

We live today in a state of 'continuous partial attention.' Instant access to people and information is simultaneously engaging and distracting. New tools break down classroom boundaries and change the nature of college education. This year's symposium explores the creative ways faculty are integrating technologies into teaching, the challenges they face, and the disruptive nature of mobile technologies in lecture contexts. The day's program will include faculty presentations, hands-on exploration, and small-group discussions.

10:30 a.m.-noon—Fisher-Bennett Hall 401

Penn faculty members Andrew Lamas, Carol Muller and Ralph Rosen (SAS), Regina Austin (Law), Kris Rabberman (LPS) and Mark Yim (Engineering) will describe how they engage students through strategic use of new technologies and the resulting pedagogical challenges. Topics include video documentaries, visualization tools, Facebook, Google Maps, mobile devices, and online learning communities.

Noon-3 p.m.—David B. Weigle Information Commons, Van Pelt-Dietrich Library Center

Lunch with symposium presenters followed by concurrent sessions that will provide an opportunity for small-group exploration. Current Penn undergraduates will participate in a panel discussion on how technology helps them learn. Hands-on and discussion sessions will focus on topics including Zotero, iMovie, Google Maps, student-created websites, screen movies and blogs (see the Symposium website, wic.library.upenn.edu/wicshops/pennedutech2010.html, for details).

For more information and to register, visit wic.library.upenn.edu.

The symposium is open to Penn faculty and instructors. Interested graduate students should email wic1@pobox.upenn.edu to be included on a space-available basis.

PPSA cosponsors YoW (Year of Water) Event:

Penn's River Rescue with Eco-Reps Program and Provost's Office

Staff members are encouraged to participate in Penn's River Rescue on Friday, September 24. United By Blue is an organization working with the Office of the Provost and student organizations to present a week-long river clean-up effort. On Friday, PPSA will join the Provost's Office, The Women's Center, and Penn Environmental Group in hosting a clean-up event. Vice Provost Andy Binns and a number of PPSA Board Members will be participating. Contests for the weirdest piece of trash collected and other activities will take place. After the clean up, participants will come back to Penn for a fun reception in the Hall of Flags. The schedule: 10:30 a.m.—Welcome Brunch in Houston Hall, Hall of Flags
10:45 a.m.—Bus Loading & Departure from Houston Hall
11:30 a.m.—River Clean Up at Pennypack Park
1:30 p.m.—Bus Departs Clean Up Site & Drop Off at Houston Hall

2 p.m.—Reception in Houston Hall

Register at www.PennsRiverRescue.com/

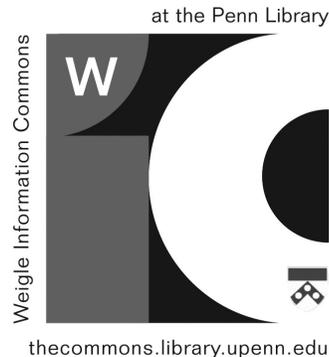
Should staff take vacation time to participate? Staff would need to use vacation time unless their supervisor allows them to participate as a work-related, community building activity. Some staff are taking an "extended lunch break" to participate.

What if I can't go to the cleanup on Friday? Volunteers are welcome to go to any day's cleanup regardless of when PPSA is partnering.

What to wear? Clothing and shoes that you don't mind getting dirty and rain boots are suggested. You will not be getting very wet because we are doing the cleanups at low tide and most of the trash will be embedded in the shore.

Do we need to provide anything? No. The gloves, bags and other clean-up materials will be provided by United By Blue.

—PPSA



2011 Models of Excellence Program: Call for Nominations

Penn is more than a world-renowned teaching and learning institution. It's also a place where staff members accomplish extraordinary things every day. From projects that demonstrate innovation and leadership to activities that illustrate collaboration and commitment to service, it's important to recognize and celebrate the significant contributions staff members make to the University on a daily basis—and now is your chance!

The Models of Excellence program encourages excellence by recognizing innovative staff accomplishments and identifying inspiring role models to emulate. If you know of fellow staff members who have contributed to Penn's success, nominate them for a Models of Excellence Award.

Now is also the time to recognize an outstanding supervisor. If you know of an exemplary supervisor who communicates clearly, provides compassionate support, and promotes a constructive and collaborative work environment, nominate him or her for the Model Supervisor Award.



All nominations for this year's Models of Excellence Program are due by *Friday, November 12, 2010*. For more information, including a description of the standards of excellence for the Models of Excellence and Model Supervisor Awards and instructions on how to submit a nomination, visit the Human Resources website at www.hr.upenn.edu/Quality/Models or contact Human Resources at (215) 898-1012.

—Human Resources

The Pepper Mill Café at the Penn Museum

The Pepper Mill Café, offering affordable international cuisine and a fresh variety of healthy, vegetarian, and sustainable food options for breakfast, lunch, and lighter fare, is now open for business at the University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology. Restaurant Associates (RA) took over the newly remodeled and newly named Café, at the site of the former Museum Café, with wall-to-wall windows overlooking the Museum's inner gardens. RA is also the exclusive caterer of the University of Pennsylvania Museum, having started in July of this year.

Penn Museum staff helped to select the name of the new Pepper Mill Café, which has an obvious allusion to fresh cooking, and a less obvious connection with the Museum: William Pepper (1843-1898), an early Provost of the University, was the principal founder of the Museum, and an avid early supporter.

Diners—both Museum visitors and those just coming in for the Café—can experience a wide variety of offerings including soup, a daily vegetarian option, and changing main course items, from sustainable seafood choices such as arctic char with mango papaya slaw as well as comfort food items, and a daily pasta. Hot and cold sandwiches and specialty salads, including a signature meze plate with hummus, stuffed grape leaves, feta salad, marinated olives, cucumber tomato salad and pita chips, are available. The Shaker Salad station offers more than 26 ingredients for guests to create their own salad. The café atmosphere is casual and contemporary, with most entrees under \$7, beer and wine available, and student value meals featured daily.

Executive Chef Will Brown is focusing on creating healthful dishes using the finest ingredients possible with a concerted effort to capitalize on the beautiful produce grown in our region. "I don't believe in trendy food," he says.

The Pepper Mill Café is open to the public Monday from 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. On the first Wednesday of every month, the Café stays open until 7:30 p.m., with light supper options, food and wine pairings, or a specially selected dish prepared by the chef. All other Wednesdays, the Café is open from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

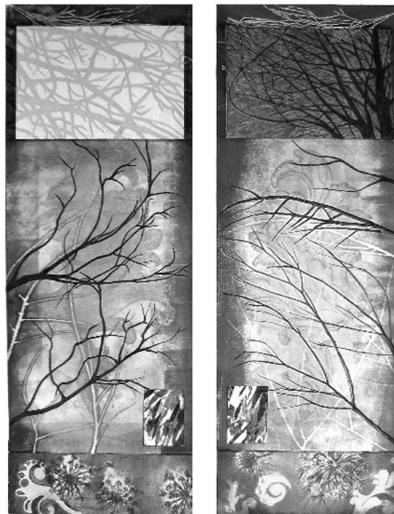
Natural Elements

The Burrison Gallery presents: *Natural Elements* by Marilyn Paul, now through October 31.

Marilyn Paul, mother of 2010 Penn graduate Austin Paul, is a fine art printmaker. When visiting their son at school, she and her husband, Howard, often stayed at the Inn at Penn, and enjoyed viewing the variety of exhibits at Burrison Gallery. Now, she is pleased to bring a bit of rural Central Pennsylvania to the gallery with her art.

Her mixed media prints express the joy and beauty found in the farmlands, gardens, forests and roadsides near her home. Her work explores the tentative aspect of nature, the spiritual connection of man to the environment, and the need to protect what we have. She collects plant materials and handmade papers to incorporate into her work. Her hand-pulled prints show glimpses, patterns and textures of nature through multiple images.

An award-winning artist and teacher, she is a graduate of Indiana University of Pennsylvania with a degree in art education and Bloomsburg University with a master's degree in printmaking. Recently retired, she taught high school art for 32 years. She creates her prints on a press in her home studio in Northumberland, PA. Her works are made up of numerous printing techniques including collagraph, monotype, etching and chine colle.



"Brocade and Branches" by Marilyn Paul is currently on display at the Burrison Gallery.

Joining the Eat Local Challenge: September 28

Faculty, staff and students are encouraged to join Bon Appétit at Penn Dining to support the 2010 Eat Local Challenge on Tuesday, September 28. The challenge features a delicious lunch including dessert that is 100% local. All ingredients for this meal will come from within 150 miles of Penn, except for the salt. The challenge highlights Bon Appétit at Penn chefs' creativity, educates guests about their local, seasonal bounty, showcases local flavor and supports Penn's sustainability efforts. The challenge will take place in the following cafés: 1920 Commons, Hill House and Kings Court will be 100% local; Falk Dining and Houston Market will have local food options. Door fees apply to non-dining plan participants accepting cash or credit card. Dining Dollars and Penn Cash are also accepted at Houston Market.

—Business Services Division

One Step Ahead

Security & Privacy
Made Simple

Another tip in a series provided by the Offices of Information Systems & Computing and Audit, Compliance & Privacy.

Protecting Home Computers

One of the most common reasons that computers get hacked is because of outdated software. On-campus, your Local Support Provider (LSP) keeps your computer and software up-to-date for you. But how do you protect yourself at home? With the Supported Products website and Penn's PennConnect DVD, you can protect your *personal* computer at home—for free!

Using outdated software leaves you vulnerable to a number of threats online, including malicious websites, email attachments and instant messages. Compromise can mean viruses, worms, trojans, adware and spyware that can result in stolen credentials, your private web browsing habits being exposed, frequent pop-up windows, and a sluggish computer—to name just a few symptoms! When you use the most current software, your computer is much less likely to get hacked.

At home, you should enable auto-updating for your operating system and all your applications whenever possible. You should also use the anti-virus software that Penn makes available to you for free. You can download the anti-virus software from the Supported Products web site at www.upenn.edu/computing/product. Or you can get the same software from your copy of the cross-platform Penn Connect DVD-ROM, available for pick up at the Computing Resource Center, Suite 202 Sansom West, at 3650 Chestnut Street.

In addition to anti-virus, other recommended networking and security software clients such as IM, FTP, AirPennNet and more, are available for download from the Supported Products page. Visit www.upenn.edu/computing/product annually for the latest downloads.

For information about Penn's recommended applications, contact your LSP.

For additional tips, see the One Step Ahead link on the Information Security website: www.upenn.edu/computing/security/.

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September AT PENN

EXHIBITS

21 *Rhyming the Antecedent*; selected video installations from PennDesign, Fine Arts; reception: 5:30 p.m.; Addams Gallery. *Through October 14* (PennDesign).

You Wish You Were Here; selected work from the PennDesign MFA Class of 2011; reception: 5:30 p.m.; Meyerson Gallery. *Through September 27*. (PennDesign).

SPECIAL EVENTS

25 *Fall Fest 2010*; Nickelodeon-themed celebration featuring food, music and Penn student groups; 2-9 p.m.; College Green (SPEC).

29 *Roots, Rasta and Reparations*; Kumina rhythm drum and dance presentation & screening of the film, *Bad Friday: Rastafari After Coral Gardens*; 4-7 p.m.; The Rotunda (Annenberg School for Communication; Anthropology; Center for Africana Studies; Cinema Studies; Music).

TALKS

28 *"Double Trouble" and a Democratic Voice: The Videotaped Beating of Rodney King, 20 Years Later*; Tanji Gillian, Penn post doctoral

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fellow; noon; Center for Africana Studies, 3401 Walnut St., Suite 330A; RSVP: mhoust@sas.upenn.edu (Center for Africana Studies).

Regulating from Nowhere: Environmental Law and the Search for Objectivity; Douglas Kysar, Yale Law School; Matthew Adler, Penn Law; Adam Finkel, Penn Program on Regulation; Kathleen Segerson, University of Connecticut; 4:30 p.m.; rm. F65, Huntsman Hall (Penn Initiative for Global Environmental Leadership; Penn Program on Regulation; Wharton Risk Management and Decision Processes Center).

AT PENN Deadlines

The September AT PENN calendar is online, www.upenn.edu/almanac.

The deadline for the weekly Update is each Monday for the following week's issue. The weekly Update normally lists events happening Wednesday through Tuesday.

Reminder: 18th Annual Penn Family Day Saturday, October 2

Faculty and staff are reminded that they are invited to bring family and friends to the 18th annual Penn Family Day on Saturday, October 2 to cheer on Penn's football and women's volleyball teams, stroll through the Penn Museum, or go for a skate at the Penn Ice Rink. No matter what activities you plan to enjoy, be sure to attend the Penn Family Tailgate Party for food, fun and games.

Tickets are required for some of the events, so review the activities schedule online. Bring your faculty/staff PennCard for admission to all events. You can receive up to four free tickets for the tailgate party and Penn football game. Tickets must be ordered by *September 27*.

The University of Pennsylvania Police Department Community Crime Report

About the Crime Report: Below are all Crimes Against Persons and Crimes Against Society from the campus report for **September 6-12, 2010**. Also reported were 19 crimes against property (including 14 thefts, 3 cases of fraud, 1 auto theft and 1 burglary). Full reports are available at: www.upenn.edu/almanac/volumes/v57/n04/creport.html. Prior weeks' reports are also online. —Ed.

This summary is prepared by the Division of Public Safety and includes all criminal incidents reported and made known to the University Police Department between the dates of **September 6-12, 2010**. The University Police actively patrol from Market Street to Baltimore Avenue and from the Schuylkill River to 43rd Street in conjunction with the Philadelphia Police. In this effort to provide you with a thorough and accurate report on public safety concerns, we hope that your increased awareness will lessen the opportunity for crime. For any concerns or suggestions regarding this report, please call the Division of Public Safety at (215) 898-4482.

09/06/10	4:33 AM	3400 Spruce St	Male cited for disorderly conduct
09/06/10	4:48 PM	3600 Chestnut St	Female wanted on warrant/New court date issued
09/07/10	1:44 AM	3900 Locust Walk	Male observed violating city ordinance/Arrest
09/07/10	9:17 AM	200 S 38th St	Female wanted on warrant/Taken to Community Court
09/07/10	10:38 AM	300 S 33rd St	Male wanted on warrant/Taken to Community Court
09/07/10	12:35 PM	399 Preston St	Male wanted on warrant/ Taken to Community Court
09/07/10	8:22 PM	200 S 40th St	Driver on cell phone/Citation issued
09/08/10	1:01 AM	200 S 2nd St	Intoxicated driver arrested
09/08/10	4:46 AM	4200 Walnut St	Male wanted on warrant/Arrest
09/08/10	6:44 PM	100 S 40th St	Driver cited for using cell phone
09/09/10	1:01 AM	3730 Walnut St	Male struck officer/Arrest
09/09/10	2:12 AM	200 S 40th St	2 males fighting/Issued citations
09/09/10	7:39 AM	3900 Pine St	Male wanted on warrant/Arrest
09/09/10	8:49 PM	4000 Market St	Male wanted on warrant/Arrest
09/10/10	4:04 PM	220 S 40th St	Female threatened by unknown male
09/12/10	12:38 AM	3900 Sansom St	Officer assaulted/Arrest
09/12/10	2:12 AM	100 S 38th St	Male cited for public urination
09/12/10	3:20 PM	4201 Walnut St	Male wanted on warrant/Arrest

18th District Report

The 18th District covers the Schuylkill River to 49th Street & Market Street to Woodland Avenue.

The 18th District crime report for **September 6-12, 2010** was unavailable at the time this issue went to press. It will be available to view online at www.upenn.edu/almanac/volumes/v57/n04/creport at a later date. —Ed.

Register to Participate in Employee Resource Fair

Offices that have not yet registered to participate in the upcoming Employee Resource Fair on October 11 are reminded that the deadline is approaching and pre-registration is required. Participants bring informational and promotional materials on their services. In order to secure a reservation, complete the online registration by *September 30*, at www.destinationpenn.com.

For information see www.upenn.edu/ppsa/newest.html or *Almanac* September 7.

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RESEARCH

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Archaeologists and Travelers in Ottoman Lands: Exploring the Making of America's First Excavations in the Near East

New Exhibition Opens with a "Turkish Delight!" Celebration Sunday, September 26, at the Penn Museum

In the 1880s, before the first brick was laid for its own building, the University of Pennsylvania Museum organized America's first archaeological expedition to the ancient Near East—to Nippur, a promising but far-flung Mesopotamian site then within the vast Ottoman Empire, now located in Iraq to the south of Baghdad.

It was a time of great opportunities and great adventurers. *Archaeologists and Travelers in Ottoman Lands*, a new exhibition opening Sunday, September 26, and running through February 6, 2011 at the University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology, takes a look at the accomplishments, struggles, and fortunes of three adventurers whose lives intersected at Nippur: Osman Hamdi Bey, archaeologist, museum director, and internationally renowned Turkish painter; John Henry Haynes, American archaeologist and photographer; and Hermann Vollrath Hilprecht, a German archaeologist, Assyriologist, and professor at Penn. The year 2010 marks the centennial of the deaths of Hamdi Bey and Haynes, and the demise of Hilprecht's career due to scandal.

The exhibition opens with an afternoon celebration—"Turkish Delight!"—featuring curator talks, Turkish music, dance, crafts, and family activities, from 1 to 4 p.m. on September 26.

Archaeologists and Travelers in Ottoman Lands features two 19th century oil paintings by Osman Hamdi Bey: "Excavations at Nippur," which has never before been on public exhibition, and "At the Mosque Door," an Orientalist genre scene that has been cleaned and remounted especially for the exhibition. Also featured are about 50 photographs, many by Haynes, whose contributions as an archaeological photographer are only now being recognized, and more than 40 artifacts from the Nippur expedition (1889–1900), including a full-sized "slipper" coffin, incantation bowls (inscribed with spells to perform protective magic), figurines, and numerous clay cuneiform tablets bearing some of the earliest writing in the world.

The exhibition sheds light on some of the late 19th century's diplomatic obstacles and opportunities for ambitious archaeologists seeking to establish excavations in distant lands. As director of the Imperial Ottoman Museum and the man charged with rewriting the Ottoman laws governing antiquities, Osman Hamdi Bey was a key figure determining outsiders' requests for excavation permits, and a man whom Penn would need to know and understand. As one of the most ancient Sumerian cities, Nippur was a prime choice for a major excavation, but it also posed major challenges. Located in the hard-to-reach marshes of southern Mesopotamia, the site offered a harsh climate, and was surrounded by warring tribes.

Despite the obstacles and some serious setbacks, over the course of Penn's years of excavations Nippur provided archaeologists with a wealth of new information and a trove of artifacts, including more than 30,000 cuneiform tablets, among them the largest collection of Sumerian literary tablets ever found. The cuneiform tablets formed the basis of the Penn Museum's Babylonian Tablet Room and collection. Today, scholars continue to draw upon this vast core of material to develop an online dictionary of Sumerian, through the ongoing Pennsylvania Sumeri-



an Dictionary Project.

Robert Ousterhout, professor of the history of art and director of the Center for Ancient Stud-

ies, and Renata Holod, professor of the history of art and curator in the Penn Museum's Near East Section, are co-curators of the special exhibition, prepared with the assistance of University of Pennsylvania undergraduate and graduate students engaged in a Halpern-Rogath Curatorial Seminar in the History of Art.

Archaeologists and Travelers in Ottoman Lands is made possible through generous donations from the Halpern-Rogath Fund of the History of Art Department at the University of Pennsylvania; the Joukowsky Family Foundation; and the Turkish Cultural Foundation. The "Turkish Delight!" celebration is made possible with help from the Turkish American Friendship Society of the United States.



Ziggurat (above), archival print by John Henry Haynes, 1893–94. He photographed the ziggurat's foundations from a high vantage point and posed an isolated worker in the middle distance at an angle that dramatically emphasized the spatial recession. (Penn Museum negative # 5680)